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TO: John J. Whitehead, Permit Supervisor/
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FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Reclamation Engineer *plg*

RE: Uintah County Tar Sands, T4S, R21E, Sections 30
and 31, Uintah County, Utah

Tom Munson, Reclamation Hydrologist, and myself visited the Uintah County Tar Sands pit on August 20, 1986. The site is active with machinery operating and removing material from the pit.

The pit is located on a hillside on the southwest edge of Vernal, T41S, R21E, Section 30 and 31. The active operation (with exposed benches) is visible throughout the valley. Photos were taken documenting the presently disturbed area and activity.

A letter was sent to Thomas Wardell by Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator, on October 1, 1985 requesting that the completed Form MR-1 be submitted by December 1, 1985 to the Division. There has been no response from Uintah County on this large mining operation. It is recommended that Uintah County be advised the MR-1 Form must be completed and returned to the Division with a clause outlining the consequences if the operation is not permitted.

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